



NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Joe W. Stecher and the Lincoln Police Department and Lancaster County Sheriff's Office announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

The Honorable Richard G. Kopf, United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska, sentenced Carrie Wendland to five years and 10 months in prison for conspiring to distribute methamphetamine in Eastern Nebraska. After completing her prison term, Wendland will spend an additional five years on supervised release.

For over two and one half years, Wendland was involved in a conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine, mainly in the Lincoln area. On August 14, 2008, Wendland was arrested on an unrelated warrant and a small amount of methamphetamine was found in her car. While being driven to jail, Wendland attempted to hide an additional 14 grams of methamphetamine under the police cruiser's front seat. Information from cooperating witnesses identified the extent of Wendland's drug trafficking activities.

Name of Defendant: Carrie Ann Wendland

AKA:

Age: 28

City of residence: Lincoln

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty)

Count I - Conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of a substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine

10 to life, not less than five years supervised release, \$4,000, 000 fine

Specific Location of Alleged Crime:

Location of Arrest: Lincoln

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: 1400 grams of methamphetamine

Others Charged in Same Scheme:

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: from January 1, 2006 through August 31, 2008

Federal Arrest Date: December 22, 2008

Date Complaint Issued:

Indictment Returned Date: December 17, 2008

Initial Appearance Date: December 23, 2008

Plea or Trial and Date(s): pled March 20, 2009

Sentencing Date: June 24, 2009

Next Court Hearing Type and Date:

Assigned Magistrate Judge: David L. Piester

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: released

In Continuous Custody Since:

Assigned District Court Judge: Richard G. Kopf

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